

DIVISIONAL APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER RULE 1.53(b)  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a

Continuation       Divisional       Continuation-in-Part

application of prior pending Application No. 09/047,373, filed March 25, 1998,

For (Title): ELECTRIC FURNACE EXTENSION METHOD AND EXTENSION APPARATUS  
FOR OPTICAL FIBER GLASS PREFORM

By (Inventors): Tetsuro WADA, Masahide KUWABARA, and Yukio KOMURA

1.  A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
  - a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
  - b. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.)
2.  The filing fee based on entry of the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment is calculated below.

CLAIMS IN THE APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY OF  
ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT NOTED BELOW

FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA
BASIC FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	12 - 20	= 0
INDEP CLAIMS	5 - 3	= 2
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED		

\* If the difference is less than zero, enter "0".

SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	FEES	OR	RATE
\$ 355		OR	\$ 710
x 9 =	\$	OR	x 18 \$
x 40=	\$	OR	x 80 \$ 160
+135 =	\$	OR	+270 \$
TOTAL	\$	OR	TOTAL \$ 870

3.  Checks totaling \$870.00 to cover the filing fees is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

4.  Cancel claims 1-4 of the application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.
5.  Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This is a  Continuation  Division  Continuation-in-Part of Application No. 09/047,373 filed March 25, 1998. The disclosure of the prior application is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--
6.  Formal drawings (Figs. 1-12) are attached.
7.  Priority of foreign application No. 9-071590 filed March 25, 1997 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).
8.  The certified copy was filed in prior Application No. 09/047,373 on June 11, 1998.
9.  A certified copy of the above foreign application(s) is attached.
10.  Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).
11.  Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.--
12.  The prior application is assigned of record to THE FURUKAWA ELECTRIC CO., LTD. recorded at Reel 9251, Frame 0088 on June 11, 1998.
13.  This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R §1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:
14.  A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
15.  An Information Disclosure Statement is attached along with Form PTO-1449. The references were cited by or submitted to the Office in parent application No. 09/047,373, filed March 25, 1998, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Thus, copies of these references are not attached. 37 CFR §1.98(d).
16.  Small entity status:
  - a. A small entity statement is attached.
  - b. A small entity statement was filed in the parent application and such status is still proper and desired.
  - c. Small entity status is no longer claimed.
17.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_
18.  The Power of Attorney in the application is to Robert B. Murray, Reg. No. 22,980; Charles M. Marmelstein, Reg. No. 25,895; George E. Oram, Jr., Reg. No. 27,931; Douglas H. Goldhush, Reg. No. 33,125; David T. Nikaido, Reg. No. 22,663; Monica Chin Kitts, Reg. No. 36,105; Richard J. Berman, Reg. No. 39,107; King L. Wong, Reg. No. 37,500; James A. Poulos, III, Reg. No. 31,714; Murat Ozgu, Reg. No. 44,275; Bradley D. Goldizen, Reg. No. 43,637, N. Alexander Nolte, Reg. No. 45,689; Robert K. Carpenter, Reg. No. 34,794; Gregory B. Kang Reg. No. 45,273; Rustan Hill, Reg. No. 37,351; and Carl Schaukowitch, Reg. No. 29,211.

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